



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/789,880  
Inventors: Brian J. Conaway, et al.  
Filed: February 27, 2004  
For: ADJUSTABLE TINE LEAF RAKE  
Attorney Docket No.: 3984500-149029

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

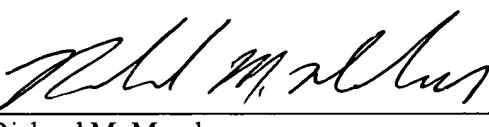
**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Filing Date Granted) mailed May 26, 2004, applicant encloses a Declaration signed by the inventor, Check No. 103410 in the amount of \$130.00, Authorization Re Deposit Account (in duplicate) for any deficiencies.

Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of the signed declaration and payment of the surcharge satisfy the remaining filing requirements relating to this application. Applicant therefore requests that this application proceed to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 7, 2004

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Dear Sir:

We have enclosed a Response which is filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Filing Date Granted) dated May 26, 2004, Declaration signed by the inventors, Check No. 103410 in the amount of \$130 for the surcharge, Authorization to Charge Deposit Account (in duplicate) and Certificate of Filing by Mail. We also have enclosed our postcard receipt, which we ask that you acknowledge and return to us.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Mescher

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Enclosures



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**AUTHORIZATION RE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Sir:

Please charge any deficiency in the fees for the above-referenced application to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

A duplicate copy of this paper is provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 7, 2004  
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**CERTIFICATE OF FILING BY MAIL**

I certify that this Response which is filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Filing Date Granted) dated May 26, 2004, Declaration signed by the inventors, Check No. 103410 in the amount of \$130 and Authorization to Charge Deposit Account (in duplicate) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, as first class mail, postage prepaid, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

*Filing Date Granted*

**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts  
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